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West Chester Pa Oct 29th 1876

Dear Fred

Your letter announcing your safe arrival at your home was duly received. and I intended answering it when I mailed the Photo to your Ma two weeks ago. but have suffered it to be delayed until now we were all very glad to hear of your good health for we were fearing that Yellow Jack might visit you as the papers were noticing its prevalence in localities not so distant from you - Now so late in the fall we suppose you feel safe from its attacks. We are having beautiful Indian Summer with cool nights and frosty mornings followed by warm hazy sunshine peculiar to the season - and if you are having such a season you ought to escape

Yours
parent

there are often enquiries made of us
as to your arrival home. Eliza was
here yesterday to dinner. say she got
letter from your Mother recently they are
well - Emmeline & Duff are spending a
week at Centon very much to the delight
of Master G. I have been several times
since you left. but now when the weather
has got cool the crowd is so great that
it requires much time and patience to
Examine points where the exhibits are
especially interesting. I was present on
Pennth day when there were over 260,000
persons ~~present~~ which compelled you to go in
Early in the time I have been in sev-
-eral large crowds before - but this one
far outnumbered all. Gov Tilden
visited the Exhibit on New Yorks day about
a month since, on that day there were
over 100,000 persons attended on last
Thursday Ohio^d day Gov Hayes was
there and the crowd present numbered

about 20,000 more than on the first oc-
casion. which is indicative of the
way it will on Nov 7th at another
counting of noses. I was not at all
surprised to hear from you that
large numbers of your La Republicans
were turning to Democrats. I had read
something similar from other localities in
your section. which led me to Examine
the cause of the change. and I must
confess that I find the arguments are
so strong and forcibly presented that I
cannot see how they could do otherwise
with safety. We up here remember an
effort of like meaning and intention
that commenced to unveil its self in the
same region about sixteen years ago
which brought trouble and distress enough
one would think to have schooled the
people to be governed by wiser Councils
that lead to peace & quietness instead
of murder war & bloodshed

we here look with gloomy
foreboding to the future. If the
Dem party are placed in power
by the solid South and the
solid Catholic Church. neither
of which have any desire to
perpetuate our government and
its precepts - but we doubt
less it will be so. For
the above mentioned solids
are consolidating very rapidly
other elements over the north
that will largely outnumber
~~them~~ but enough of
politics. The whole family, ^{home} ~~the~~
except myself are having sick heads
I am here - write again soon

Yours Truly

Richard Derrard

Answer 4, 16, 66



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